


What is claimed is:

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1. A workstation arrangement comprising:
a worksurface having a generally horizontally
5 enlarged plate-like top defining longitudinal front and
rear edges and a pair of spaced-apart side edges
respectively adjoining said front and rear edges, a pair
of upright leg arrangements projecting downwardly from
said top in the vicinity of the respective said side
10 edges for supportive engagement with a support surface
such as a floor, and a generally horizontally oriented
cross member extending transversely between and
interconnecting said leg arrangements, said cross member
being disposed generally along said rear edge of said
15 worksurface and in vertically spaced relation from lower
ends of said leg arrangements; and
a console supported on said cross member and
including a housing defining a generally hollow interior
and mounting therein one of a power receptacle connected
20 to an electrical circuit and a communication receptacle
connected to a communication circuit, said housing
supporting thereon a screen which is vertically slidably
adjustable relative to said housing between a first
position which substantially closes off access to said
25 receptacle and a second position which provides access to
said receptacle.


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2. The arrangement of Claim 1, wherein said one
receptacle is mounted on an upright side wall of said
30 housing so as to be externally accessible, said screen
being positioned adjacent and in opposed relationship to
said one side wall and spaced horizontally outwardly
therefrom to define a cable storage area between said
screen and said one side wall, said screen when in said
35 second position being spaced vertically downwardly from
said first position so as to permit horizontal access to

 said receptacle, and said screen having an upper edge which is spaced from and cooperates with the opposed side wall of the housing to define a continuously open access opening which opens vertically into said cable storage chamber for permitting cabling to extend vertically therethrough.

3. The arrangement of Claim 1 wherein an elongate top cover is removably mounted on an upper portion of said housing and defines a longitudinal edge which is spaced horizontally inwardly from an upper longitudinal edge of said screen when in said first position so as to define an upwardly opening access opening therebetween which communicates with said interior such that cabling associated with a component supported on said worksurface overlies said rear edge thereof and extends vertically downwardly therefrom into said access opening for connection to said one receptacle.

20 ~~5bc2~~ 4. The arrangement of Claim 3 wherein said housing includes an upright inner wall disposed in opposed relation with said screen, said inner wall being spaced horizontally inwardly from said screen so as to define a storage chamber therebetween which opens upwardly through said access opening, said inner wall defining a window therein for mounting said one receptacle so that same faces toward said storage chamber such that cabling associated with a component supported on said worksurface overlies said rear edge thereof and extends downwardly therefrom and into said storage chamber for connection to said one receptacle.

 6. The arrangement of Claim 4 wherein said screen has a convex configuration which curves outwardly and away from opposite upright terminal edge portions thereof.

5. The arrangement of Claim 1 wherein said housing includes top and bottom walls, a side wall horizontally spaced from said screen, and a pair of end walls extending transversely between and interconnecting said top, bottom and side walls, one of said end walls defining a sidewardly opening port therein which communicates with said interior, said arrangement further including an elongate conduit defining therein a channel for routing cabling to said console, said conduit having a terminal end which is removably mounted to said console for communication with said port.

sub A' 7. The arrangement of Claim 6 wherein a pair of support arms are mounted on said console housing so as to project horizontally outwardly therefrom, said support arms having clamp members at respective ends thereof which engage said cross member to removably secure said console to said worksurface.

sub C 8. The arrangement of Claim 1 wherein said worksurface defines a recess which projects horizontally inwardly from said rear edge thereof, said console being mounted on said cross member so as to be positioned generally below said recess such that cabling associated with components supported on said worksurface projects downwardly through said recess and into said console for connection with said one receptacle.

9. An upright console for permitting access to power or communication in an office workspace, comprising:

an upright housing having opposite upright side walls which are spaced to define a hollow interior therebetween;

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a power or communication receptacle unit mounted on
said housing generally within said hollow interior
between said side walls, said receptacle unit having a
receptacle which is positioned generally at one of said
5 side walls and is exteriorly accessible from adjacent
said one side wall;

a cover movably mounted on said housing adjacent
said one side wall and movable between a first position
wherein the cover is disposed in horizontally opposed
10 relation to said one side wall so as to horizontally
overlap said receptacle and a second position wherein
said cover is laterally displaced from said first
position so that said receptacle is horizontally
accessible, said cover when in said first position being
15 spaced horizontal from said one side wall to define a
storage chamber therebetween which opens upwardly between
the cover and the housing to permit cabling to project
downwardly into the chamber for access to the receptacle
or for storage.

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10. A console according to Claim 9, wherein the
cover is slidably mounted on the housing for movement
between said first and second positions, with said second
position being disposed vertically downwardly from said
25 first position.

11. A console according to Claim 10, wherein a
second cover is movably mounted on said housing adjacent
the other side wall and is slidably movable between first
30 and positions wherein said second position is displaced
vertically downwardly from said first position, said
cover when in said first position being spaced
horizontally from said other side wall to define a
storage chamber therebetween which opens upwardly between
35 said cover and said housing for storage of cabling
therein.

12. A console according to Claim 9, including an arm structure fixed to said housing and projecting transversely therefrom for securing said housing to a cross member of a workstation for supporting the console on the workstation in upwardly spaced relation above a floor.

13. A console according to Claim 9, wherein the housing includes an upright stand which projects downwardly and joins to a base which is adapted for direct supportive engagement with a floor, the base and the stand having a hollow interior which projects upwardly for communication with the interior of said housing to permit cabling to extend vertically therethrough.

14. A console according to Claim 9, wherein said housing includes a pair of end walls which extend transversely and join to said side walls, said end walls each having an access opening formed therethrough in upwardly spaced relationship from the bottom of the housing for permitting cables to project horizontally through said access openings into the interior of said housing, and a horizontally elongate hollow tubular raceway extending horizontally away from said console, said raceway having one end thereof connected to one end wall of said housing so that the hollow interior of the raceway communicates with the interior of said housing, said raceway being openable to permit cabling to be laid therein.

15. A console according to Claim 14, wherein said housing has a removable top wall which, when removed from the housing, provides access to the interior of the housing to permit cabling to be laid therein, said

removable top wall having wall portions which cooperate with the end walls and which define upper extremities of the access openings defined in the end walls so that removal of the top wall provides vertical access to said access openings in said end walls.

16. A console according to Claim 14, wherein said raceway has the other end thereof connected to a second console so that the raceway extends horizontally between said consoles and is vertically self supporting between the ends thereof, said raceway being horizontally flexible so that opposite ends of the raceway can be disposed in non-aligned relationship to one another.

17. A workstation arrangement comprising:

a pair of sidewardly spaced tables each having a plate-like top and a leg arrangement projecting generally downwardly therefrom for supportive engagement with a floor;

an enclosed console supported on the leg arrangement of each said table so as to be spaced downwardly from a rear edge of the respective said top but upwardly from a floor, each said console including a housing defining a generally hollow interior and a support structure disposed therein, said support structure mounting thereon one of a power and a communication receptacle, said housing mounting thereon a cover disposed in spaced relation from said support structure to define a storage area therebetween which opens upwardly adjacent said housing such that cabling associated with a component supported on said top extends downwardly over said rear edge and into said storage area for connection to said one receptacle, said cover being adjustably mounted on said housing so as to be movable between a first position to provide access to said one receptacle and a second position to substantially close off said receptacle, said

housing defining a port therein which communicates with said interior; and

an elongate tubular raceway defining an elongate channel therein for storing cabling, said raceway being
5 disposed in upwardly spaced relation from the floor and having a first terminal end fastened to one said console for communication with said port thereof and a second terminal end fastened to the other said console for communication with said port thereof such that said
10 raceway interconnects said pair of tables and enables routing of cabling therebetween.

18. A workstation arrangement according to Claim 17, wherein the elongate tubular raceway is vertically
15 self supporting but is horizontally flexible so that the pair of tables can be disposed in non-aligned relationship with respect to one another.

19. A workstation according to Claim 17, wherein
20 the raceway includes an elongate and flexible support member which movably mounts thereon a plurality of covers disposed in end-to-end relationship with one another along the length of said support member so as to define said elongate channel therein, said support member being
25 disposed to divide said channel into first and second channel runs which extend in parallel relationship lengthwise of the raceway for storing and separating cabling disposed therein, and said covers being movable relative to said support member between closed and open
30 positions, said covers when in said closed position defining a closed tubular structure, said covers when in said open positions permitting access to said channel runs throughout the length thereof.

20. A console and raceway arrangement for mounting on a worksurface such as a table, said arrangement comprising:

5 a console supportable on a worksurface and including a housing defining a generally hollow interior, said housing including an upright support structure disposed within said interior and mounting thereon a power and a communication receptacle, said console including front and rear walls sidewardly spaced from one another and a
10 pair of end walls extending transversely therebetween, one said end wall defining therein a raceway port which communicates with said interior; and

a raceway assembly including an elongate and flexible support member which removably mounts thereon a
15 plurality of covers disposed in end-to-end relation with one another along said support member so as to form an elongate raceway run defining an elongate channel therein, said support member being disposed to divide said channel into first and second channel parts for
20 storing and separating cabling disposed within said raceway run.

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